



# Anston Greenlands Primary School



## OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Dates for your Diary (please note that PTA events for this term have now been added)

<b>October</b>	
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Individual photos
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Spooky Disco / Spooky non-uniform (optional) – see info below <b>*new date*</b>
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Y5/6 visit to Eden Park
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 visit to Crucial Crew
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Rock Star Day! See info below <b>*new date*</b>
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	INSET Day – school closed to children. Holiday begins – return to school Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct
<b>November</b>	
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Flu vaccinations – information to follow
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Children In Need (details to follow) <b>*new date*</b>
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Christmas Fair – after school <b>*new date*</b>
<b>December</b>	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Y5/6 curriculum event – details to follow
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Infant Nativity (afternoon)
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Infant Nativity (afternoon)
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Jumper Day (note – this is the day after the national day, due to the Nativity)
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Christmas Film event – after school <b>*new date*</b>
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Infant pantomime visit
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Last day – 2pm finish – return to school Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>February</b>	
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Last day – half term follows – return to school Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February <i>continued on second page</i>
<b>March</b>	
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day – dress as a book character
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Last day – Easter holiday follows – return to school Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>May</b>	
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	INSET day (elections) – school closed to children
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	May Day – school closed to children
13 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 SATs
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Class photos (and individual Y6 photos)
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Last day – half term follows – return to school Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June (after INSET)
<b>June</b>	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	INSET day – school closed to children
WB 10 <sup>th</sup>	Y1 phonics screening check



<b>July</b> (to follow) 15 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	(dates for Sports Day and Performances to follow) Non-uniform – Uniform Swap Shop to take place from Tuesday onwards Last day – 2pm finish – summer holiday follows
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### Welcome to Puffins – our new Nurture Room!

We have some extremely exciting news in school. To help us provide the best possible school experience for all of our children, regardless of need, we have made the decision to transform our library into a brand new Nurture Room. Although it's early days, we have already seen a very positive impact from this room and we feel that it will play an important part in the future of Anston Greenlands. We have grand plans (funding dependent!) for developing both Puffins and our new library, which will be in the current Community Room. We'll keep you updated as we make progress with this.



### Can you help?

To make our Puffin Room even more successful, there are some items we'd like to get hold of. We are looking for donations of:

- A wall mountable maze game
- A ball-on-a-wire maze game (the kind you often see in doctors' waiting rooms)
- Resistance bands
- Sensory items (including textured books)
- Inset jigsaws
- Good quality roleplaying toys (e.g. kitchen items / dolls)

We would really appreciate anything like this that you might be able to provide!

### The Great Greenlands Conker Championships 2023

It's time! Next week we will be inviting children to take part in this year's Great Greenlands Conker Championships – the first time we've run the event since 2018! This is an optional event, but we'd love as many children to get involved as possible. Thanks to some very generous donations, we should be able to send each child home with a conker to get you started, but hopefully many of you will be able to hunt down your own winner on an Autumn walk. The conker championships are obviously a very serious business, so we're sending a separate letter to tell you everything you need to know!

### Well done to Y5 and Y6

What a fantastic time our Y5 and Y6 children had on their residential week at PGL! Our staff were constantly amazed by their resilience, teamwork and positive attitudes. Well done, everybody! Thank you very much to all the staff who made this visit possible.



### PTA Spooky Disco – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October

As you will have seen on the recent letter, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October will be our Spooky Disco, organised by the PTA. For the price of £2, children can dress in their spooky costume all day at school, then attend the disco in the evening (infants 3.30pm – 4.30pm, juniors 5pm – 6pm). All proceeds go to the PTA, who raise vital money to support school.

### Rock Star Day – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October

We now have a date for this year's Rock Star Day – this will take place on the last day of the half term (Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October). Once again, we are inviting all children and adults to dress in their most rock'n'roll outfit, to celebrate the relaunch of TT Rockstars and Numbots. For the older children, there will be TT Rockstars competitions taking place during the surrounding days (before and after half term). There is no charge for this dress-up day.

### **Reminder - Volunteer Plea!**

At Greenlands, we have a rich history of working with parent volunteers to help our children get the best possible start in their education. Although Covid put a stop to that, we have steadily rebuilt a small bank of brilliant volunteers over the last couple of years. We'd now like to add to that group! We'll be able to provide training in school and help choose a role that suits you, so if you're interested, please get in touch! There's no minimum time expectation; we only ask that volunteers commit to the same day or days each week, if possible. School can take care of all DBS checks etc. for volunteers. Thank you!

### **Reminder - Uniform Appeal**

Please consider donating any clean, good quality uniform that your child has outgrown. This will allow us to offer it to other families second hand. We can sell anything with a school logo. Thank you.

### **Contacting After School Club**

If you need to get in touch with After School Club between 3pm and 5.45pm, this can be done directly on 07546349064. Please add this to your contacts in case you need it. Thank you!

### **INSET Dates for This Year**

A reminder that this year's remaining INSET days are:

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024